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MEETING: Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 10 a.m.

SUBJECT: Resolution 11-15 Rule 18, Reconsideration - SUPPORT

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Aloha Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional testimony in support of changes to Rule No. 18, Reconsideration, contained in resolution 11-15. This resolution basically requires a minimum 24-hour "cooling off" period before a final decision can be made on any item to be reconsidered. The impetus for this resolution is the unethical actions taken by former Mayor Hannemann, his managing director, Kirk Caldwell, and several councilmembers who changed their votes on Bill 51 after meeting behind closed doors with Mr. Hannemann during the Wednesday, October 27, 2009, full council meeting.

For the record, it is important to note that Councilmember Dela Cruz supported the separation of the residential class, so his "yes" vote to pass the bill during reconsideration was not a surprise, and I do not include him with the councilmembers who acted unethically.

Constituents expect all of their representatives to act in a transparent and ethical manner, but when those in administrative offices do not, it is up to councilmembers to hold their positions and act with integrity. To do otherwise compromises the law-making system.

I ask councilmembers to do three things with respect to this resolution:

1. Vote "yes" in support;
2. If a bill or resolution comes up for reconsideration, notify individuals and groups who have a vested interest in the item, especially those who had submitted testimony; and
3. Maintain your integrity by behaving ethically.